

HOUSE RESOLUTION 187
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judge Floyd "Joe" E. Freytag of Morgan County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the accomplishments of those Tennesseans who, during their respective lifetimes, served their fellow citizens with the utmost integrity, dedication, and ability; and

WHEREAS, Judge Floyd "Joe" Freytag was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Morgan County, Judge Freytag was a highly respected member of the Wartburg community; he was a civic and community leader, and political activist; and

WHEREAS, Joe Freytag served with acumen and alacrity as the first sessions Judge of Morgan County, and was the first warden of Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary, in which positions he earned widespread respect for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he served with probity as the President of the Plateau Utility District, where he was the driving force from 1960 until his death; he took great pride in seeing the water service grow through the years; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man's political roots were firmly planted in the Democratic Party; he maintained longstanding relationships and friendships with those in office on the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, Joe Freytag was a great source of strength and inspiration for numerous individuals in politics, particularly for former state Senator Anna Belle O'Brien who fondly reflected, "He was always very upright and put his cards on the table. When he told you something, you knew it was just that way"; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Tommy Kilby considered Judge Freytag as a dear friend; he stated "he knew such a wide range of people on such a personal basis including presidents, vice presidents, governors, senators and still related to the common man"; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 Judge Freytag was recognized for his lifetime dedication to the people of Morgan County; he was the recipient of the first Lifetime Achievement Award from the Morgan County News, which had since been named the Floyd E. Freytag Award for a Lifetime of Achievement; and

WHEREAS, Judge Freytag was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years and was the oldest member; and

WHEREAS, Joe Freytag was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Joe Freytag enjoyed the loving companionship of the late Reba McDowell Freytag; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud father of Charles Lee Freytag and daughter Clara Lou Freytag both of whom preceded him in death, and he is survived by a son Jim and his wife Barbara, and daughter Sara and her husband Wayne Goodman; and

WHEREAS, he was the devoted grandparent of Eddie and his wife Cathy Freytag, Preston and wife Bonnie Freytag, Louie Goodman, Aaron Goodman, Casey and husband Duane Duncan, Gay Freytag, and Felicia Goodman; and

WHEREAS, he was also the great-grandparent of Matthew Freytag, Tyler, Travis, and Tory Duncan; and

WHEREAS, Judge Freytag leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Judge Floyd "Joe" E. Freytag, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Judge Freytag.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.